

Wisconsin Public Service Corporation Green Pricing Programs







Green Power Marketing Conference

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Overview

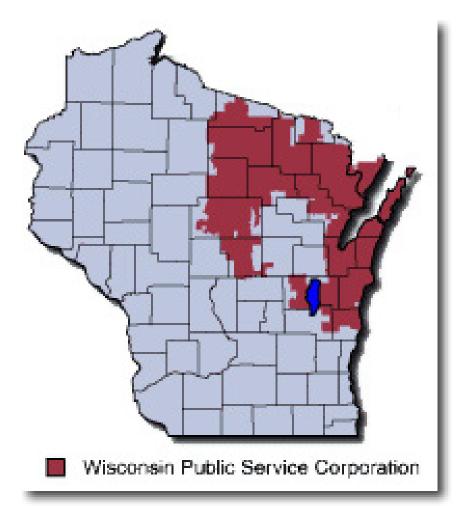
- Wisconsin Public Service Corporation
- NatureWise®
- SolarWise® for Schools
- Product Interaction
- Lessons Learned





Wisconsin Public Service Corp.

- Investor-owned
- 11,000 square miles;24 counties
- 442,400 electric and 289,100 natural gas customers
- Peak: 2,000 MW







NatureWise® Goals

- Sales
 - Provide a renewable energy option
- Awareness
 - Increase customer awareness of utility's environmental initiatives

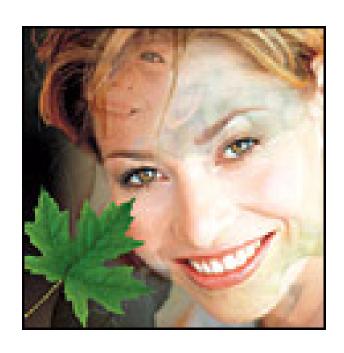






NatureWise Background

- Green pricing program
- Launched April 2002
- All customers eligible
- Block product
 - Residential
 - Commercial/industrial
- Blend of renewable sources
- Accredited by Center for Resource Solutions







NatureWise Description

Product

 Electricity generated from <u>renewable energy</u> resources; offered in <u>100-kWh monthly blocks</u>

Price

\$2.65 / 100 kWh premium (extra monthly charge)

Promotion

- Residential bill inserts twice annually
- Broadcast media twice annually
- Direct mail one residential and one small business
- Trade shows ongoing
- Web site





NatureWise Business Program Structure

- Three Possible Commitment Levels
 - Champion (equal to EPA Green Power Partnership levels)
 - Steward (2/3 EPA)
 - Advocate (1/3 EPA)
- Three Ranges of Monthly Electric Bill
 - Up to \$500
 - **\$501 to \$1,500**
 - **\$1,501+**





NatureWise Business Program

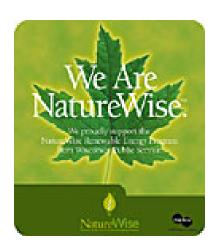
If your monthly electric bill is	Your added monthly NatureWise payment would be			
Up to \$500		Champion	Steward	Advocate
	Number of blocks	6	4	2
	Monthly Payment	\$15.90	\$10.60	\$5.30
\$501 - \$1,500	Number of blocks	15	10	5
	Monthly Payment	\$39.75	\$26.50	\$13.25
\$1,501+	Number of blocks	30	20	10
	Monthly Payment	\$79.50	\$53.00	\$26.50





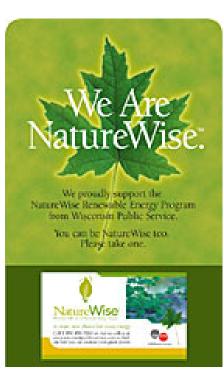
Premiums for C/I Customers

Advocate



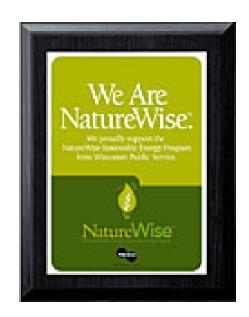
Window Clings

Steward



Tabletop Display + Clings

Champion



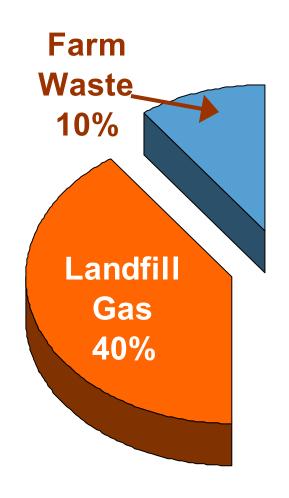
Plaque + Display

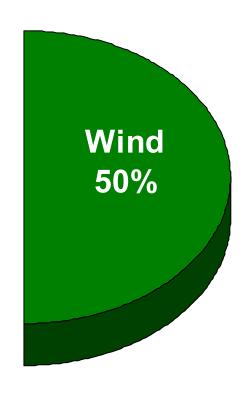






NatureWise Supply Mix





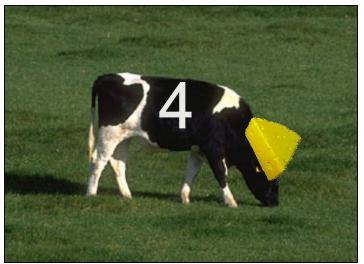




NatureWise Supply Sources









NatureWise Results - Residential



Four residential campaigns

- Bill insert with broadcast media
- 20-25% customer awareness
- Customer acquisition costs ~ \$35

Sales

- 1,406 residential customers (< 1%)</p>
- 2,860 blocks or 286,000 kWh monthly
- 2.0 blocks per customer per month average

NatureWise Results – Small Business



- October, 2002 direct mail campaign
 - 15 customers
 - 5.7 blocks / customer
- Planning outbound calling campaign





NatureWise Results – Large Customer

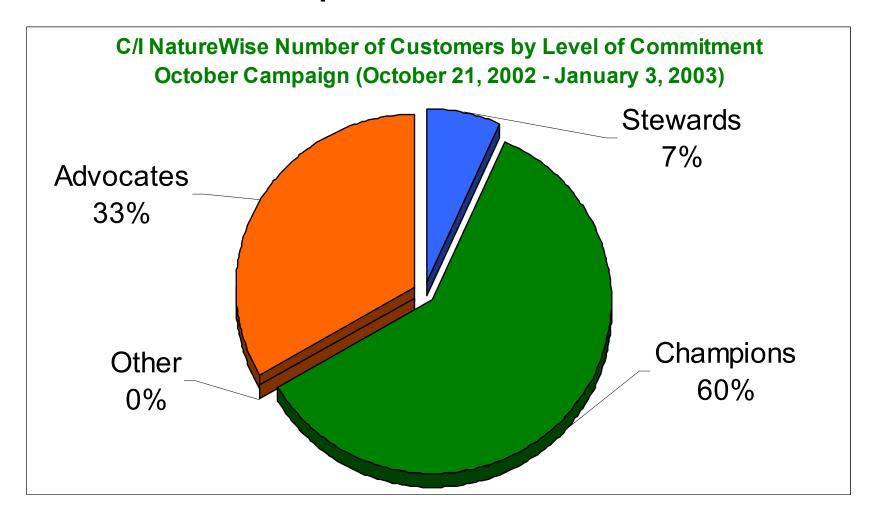
- University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh
 - Largest green energy purchaser in Wisconsin
 - 960,000 kWh annually (3% of campus's electricity)
 - EPA Green Power Partnership member







NatureWise Update - C/I







SolarWise® for Schools Background

- Green "donation" program
- Launched February 1996
- All customers eligible
- Customer donation program
 - Install solar-electric systems on public high schools in northeast Wisconsin
- WPS Community Foundation, Inc.
 - Non-profit, charitable corporation
 - Contributions are tax-deductible







Funding

Customer donations

- 4,800 contributors; \$90,000/year
- **\$390,000 since 1996**
- U.S. Department of Energy
 - \$227,000 over four years
- Wisconsin Energy Bureau / Focus on Energy
 - \$85,000 in six years

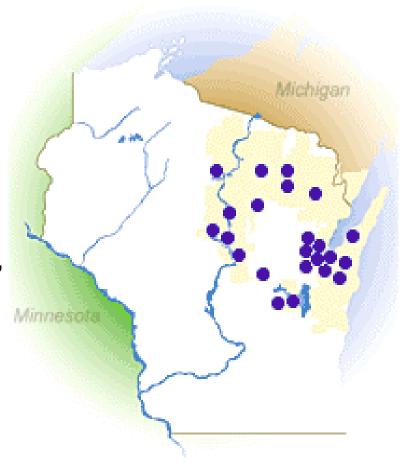






23 SolarWise® Installations

- 1997 Green Bay East, Antigo, Southern Door
- 1998 Mosinee, Waupaca, De Pere
- 1999 Pulaski, Oshkosh West, Crandon
- 2000 Denmark, Lourdes, Laona
- 2001 Green Bay Southwest, Merrill, Wausaukee
- 2002 Ashwaubenon, D C Everest, Wabeno
- 2003 Bayport, Oconto, Tomahawk, Valders, Pacelli (Stevens Point)
- 2004 Wrightstown, Wausau East, Marinette, Sevastopol







De Pere High School Installation





Education Initiatives

- Solar Olympics
 - Inter-school renewable energy exhibition and competition
 - 700+ Students in first six years
- Three-week renewable energy curriculum package
 - 63 teachers trained
 - 7,000 students





Solar Olympics









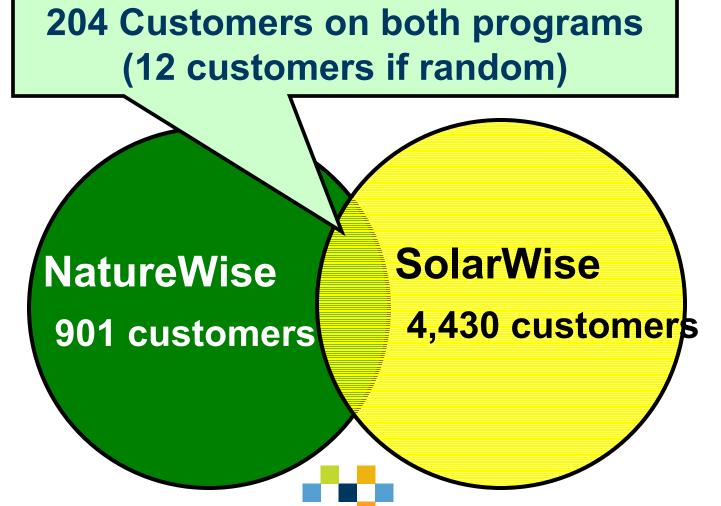
Green Bay East High School's "Sun Runner" Truck







NatureWise / SolarWise Overlap





NatureWise Lessons Learned

Product

- Block program is simple
- Customers like fixed dollar amount
- Synergy with Renewable Portfolio Standard

Price

- Affordable: ~\$5 / month = 2 blocks
- Promotion
 - Residential bill insert is most cost-effective
 - Small business direct mail is least cost-effective
 - Large customers make large purchases





SolarWise for Schools Lessons Learned

- Emphasize education and community benefits, not savings
- Hold ongoing events to make renewable energy visible
- Have a clear agreement with the schools
- Use one manufacturer for PV equipment





NatureWise & SolarWise: Lessons Learned

 Value propositions of NatureWise and SolarWise compliment each other





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